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- I. Government has near unanimous support for:
 - A. decision against fighting in Indochina now.
 - B. moving slowly on Southeast Asia pact.
- II. Eden especially praised for:
 - A. honest broker role at Geneva
 - B. efforts to get Asian nations to support Southeast Asia defense.
- III. Should Eden report failure at Geneva, he would find wide support for any "stronger" British attitude on Asian questions.
- IV. Much press resentment of American criticism of Britain's attitude---based on contention that US has no firmer policy about Indochina than the United Kingdom

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